Indy Parks Announces Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program

INDIANAPOLIS — Indy Parks and Recreation announces its 2005-2006 Christmas Tree Recycling Program, which runs Monday, December 26, 2005 through Wednesday, January 31, 2006, and includes collection sites at eight Indy Parks.

Last year, Indy Parks recycled only 14,000 Christmas trees, a significantly lower number than in past years, which saw as many as 30,000. Increasing the number of trees recycled is crucial to Indy Parks' ability to create much needed mulch for the city's parks.

"By recycling the Christmas trees, we are turning what would otherwise be waste into quality mulch for our playgrounds and parks, which saves thousands of taxpayer dollars in the long run," said Lindsey Purcell, Indy Parks Forestry Supervisor.

The following parks are designated collection sites for the 2005-2006 Christmas Tree Recycling Program. Trees may be dropped off during normal park hours (dawn to dusk), seven days a week.

Broad Ripple Park, 1550 Broad Ripple Ave., main parking lot

Ellenberger Park, 5301 E. St. Clair St., main parking lot

Garfield Park, 2450 S. Shelby St., MacAllister Center parking lot

Krannert Park, 605 S. High School Rd., northeast parking lot

Northwestway Park, 5253 W. 62nd St., parking lot

Perry Park, 451 E. Stop 11 Rd., soccer field parking lot

Riverside Park, 2420 N. Riverside Dr., tennis court parking lot

Sahm Park, 6801 E. 91st St., soccer field parking lot

Indy Parks asks residents to be sure their Christmas trees are free from all ornaments, lights, tree stands, plastic bags, nails, and other decorations prior to drop-off. Wreaths and garland will be accepted only if all wires and decorations are removed first. No artificial trees or materials will be accepted.

Residents can call 327-PARK or visit www.indyparks.org for additional Christmas tree recycling information.

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